

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2011-47-WS - ORDER NO. 2012-31  
JANUARY 19, 2012

IN RE:	Application of Carolina Water Service,	)	ORDER DENYING
	Incorporated for Approval of an Increase in	)	MOTION FOR
	Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services	)	RECONSIDERATION
	Provided to All of Its Service Areas in	)	AND APPROVING
	South Carolina	)	APPLICATION TO
		)	PLACE RATES INTO
		)	EFFECT UNDER BOND
		)	PENDING APPEAL

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the motion by Carolina Water Service, Inc. (the “Applicant”) for rehearing or reconsideration of this Commission’s decision in Order No. 2011-784 denying the requested rate increase, and alternative motion that the Commission approve a bond allowing the Applicant to place rates into effect pending appeal. We deny the motion for rehearing or reconsideration and approve the bond.

With regard to the motion for rehearing or reconsideration, the Applicant has presented no new evidence or other information which might persuade any of the individual Commissioners to change their views as to whether the Applicant is entitled to rate relief. The views of the Commissioners are fully expressed in Order No. 2011-784 and the dissenting opinion previously issued, and those views are herein reaffirmed.

With regard to the bond and the placement of rates into effect pending appeal, our ruling is compelled by Section 58-5-240(D) of the South Carolina Code. The Applicant has presented to the Commission a proposed bond form to be executed by a surety

company authorized to do business in South Carolina and requested approval of a bond in the amount of \$501,133. This figure represents the additional annual revenue which the Applicant would have been entitled to earn if the Commission had granted the Applicant the additional revenue proposed by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its proposed order. Consistent with the governing statute, if the rates placed into effect under bond by the Applicant are ultimately deemed excessive by the South Carolina Supreme Court on appeal, the excess amount shall be refunded to customers with interest calculated at 12 percent per annum.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



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David A. Wright, Vice Chairman  
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